

# The Planning Edge

### **Bulletin on Solid Waste Planning**

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## Recycling and Local Assistance Branch Staff Changes

Congratulations — Leslie J. King — Leslie was appointed branch manager on April 1, 2007 following the vacancy created after Sara Day Evans resigned to work with the North Carolina Department of Commerce in Asheville. Leslie came to the branch as a supervisor for the Local Assistance Section June 1, 2001. She has a degree in business education from Eastern Kentucky University. She began her career with state government in 1985 with the Cabinet for Human Resources. In 1995 Leslie began working for the Division of Waste Management, Enforcement Branch, on enforcement of landfills and illegal dumps. Leslie is originally from Adair County and resides in Frankfort with her husband, William. The Recycling and Local Assistance Branch is composed of three sections, Local Assistance, Recycling Assistance (Fred Kirchhoff, supervisor) and Government Recycling (Brian Bentley, supervisor).



Chris Fitzpatrick joined the Local Assistance Section as Supervisor on June 18. Chris is new to state government, having been an environmental attorney for 15 years (working on soil and groundwater pollution cases and in hazardous waste compliance and enforcement), executive director of an environmental organization in North Carolina, and owner of a small computer consulting business. He has served on the adjunct faculty at University of Louisville and Indiana University, teaching environmental law courses, and was on the faculty for the Hazardous Waste Training Institute, sponsored by United States Environmental Protection Agency and presented at the University of Louisville. His B.S. degree in Environmental Science and Policy is from Indiana University's School of Public and Environmental Affairs.

*Jennifer Spradlin* recently transferred to the Division of Water, Kentucky Pollution Discharge Elimination System Branch. Jennifer is missed and we wish her the best in her new position.

Chris Craig joined the Local Assistance Section July 16 as Jennifer's replacement. Chris is transferring from the Division of Waste Management's Program Planning and Administration Branch where he has worked for the past two years. Prior to that, he was with the Petroleum Storage Tank Fund where he worked for nine years. Chris began his state service with Public Advocacy in 1985-1996. Chris has been married for 25 years and has a 17-year-old daughter.



#### Commonwealth Cleanup Week - March 25 - 31, 2007

Nonprofit, civic and religious groups are eligible for cash prizes for their participation and cleanup efforts during Commonwealth Cleanup Week. The following groups were randomly selected as cash prize winners for 2007: *Boonesboro Lions Club* (Clark County) \$1,000; The *New Columbus Baptist Church* (Owen County) \$500; and *Morningstar Academy/Sunshine School "Tebbs Bend Volunteers"* (Taylor County) \$250.

The three groups were responsible for just a portion of the more than 13,343 bags of litter picked up during the week long event. Preliminary results show that more than 1,034.23 tons of trash was disposed, 173.93 tons of appliances were recycled and an additional 1,511.17 tons of various other materials recycled.

#### **Drawing for T-shirts**

Free T-shirts! Local Assistance staff awarded Commonwealth Cleanup Week T-shirts to 24 groups across the state. The random drawings for the 223 T-shirts were from those nonprofit, civic, religious groups and individuals that participated in Commonwealth Cleanup Week. The T-shirts will be mailed to each group by July 31, 2007. This is a small thank you to all who participated in keeping our commonwealth roadways clean. Below is a list of the groups that will receive t-shirts along with the county in which they participated.

Group	County	Group	County
Bagdad Ruritan	Shelby	GSA Troop #115	Logan
BSA Troop #127	Mercer	Dream Riders Inc.	Logan
BSA Troop #167	Oldham	Shirley Smith	Trigg
Rose Ann Masters	Fleming	Sue Hauke	Mason
Ringes Mills Christian Church	Fleming	Knox Co. Attorney's Office	Knox
Newton Family	Shelby	BSA #544	Bell
Sheltered Risks/Kamp Kessa	Franklin	GSA Troop #170	Clark
Tom Browning Boys & Girls Club	Mason	BSA Troop #56	Clark
Shilon Full Gospel Church	Grant	The Green Team Camp Dick Elem	Garrard
Cub Scout Pack #50 Holy Name School	Henderson	Cross Country	Lincoln
GSA Troop #1054	Clinton	Powell Co. High Track Team	Powell
Good Hope Baptist Church	Taylor	BSA Troop #601	Hart

#### **Recycling Grants**

The Division of Waste Management recently announced the availability of recycling grants to promote the development of a statewide integrated recycling infrastructure and recycling public education program. The availability of the grants can help develop a more cost effective means of recycling as well as promoting the use of recycled products and the development of new uses for recyclables. Kentuckians presently recycle approximately 27 percent of common household recyclables compared to a national average of 28.5 percent.

Forty seven (47) recycling grant applications were received by the April 2, 2007, deadline for a total request of \$4,484,734. Twenty-six (26) entities were awarded recycling grants totaling \$2.3 million dollars. The majority of the requests were for expansions of existing programs to include additional cities and/or materials collected. While there were some reductions in amounts granted, the majority of the applicants received the requested total. The grant period for the first round is June 30, 2007, to Dec. 31, 2008. Grants were awarded to the following applicants:

- 1. Adair County Fiscal Court equipment replacement, \$14,000.
- 2. Lewis County Fiscal Court expansion to include school district and city, \$55,742.
- **3. Washington County Fiscal Court** expansion to include incorporated areas of county; multiple counties, \$253,536.
- 4. Mercer County Fiscal Court expansion in county and initiate recycling in two cities, \$6,730.
- 5. Bluegrass Community & Technical College expansion at main campus (Lexington) and initiate recycling at Danville, Lawrenceburg and Winchester campuses, \$23,280.
- **6.** Lincoln County Fiscal Court expansion of cardboard recycling, \$2,360.
- 7. Boyle County Fiscal Court & City of Perryville expansion to include curbside in selected ur-

- ban and suburban areas, additional drop-off locations and provide recycling to schools, \$123,700.
- 8. Morehead-Rowan County-MSU Community Recycling Center expansion to increase paper recycling and provide paper recycling for Bath County Schools, \$13,000.
- 9. Barren County Solid Waste expansion to schools and government offices, \$20,591.
- **10. Meade County** expansion to additional areas of county, \$93,779.
- 11. City of Ashland (Boyd County) establishment of drop-off in city; available to county and surrounding counties, \$20,008.
- 12. Bracken County Fiscal Court/Bracken County Schools District/Augusta Independent School District expansion to additional areas of county to include county and school districts, \$28,845.
- **13. Marion County Fiscal Court** establish recycling program for county, multiple cities, and school district, \$142,700.
- **14. Tri-County Recycling Alliance** expansion to McLean County and additional recycling opportunities to Webster, Henderson and Union counties, \$396,100.
- **15.** Russell County Fiscal Court expansion of cardboard recycling to schools and other areas of county, \$25,863.
- **16. Pennyrile Solid Waste Management Authority** (Christian County) expansion to other areas of county to include city of Hopkinsville and school district, \$277,857.
- 17. Pulaski County 109 Board establishment of new recycling facility for county, cities, schools district, businesses and governmental facilities also availability to surrounding counties, \$175,566.
- 18. Pike County Fiscal Court/Magoffin County Fiscal Court establish new recycling program in Pike County and expand existing program in Magoffin County, \$205,161.
- 19. Murray/Calloway County/Murray Sate Recycling Collaborative expand cardboard recycling program, \$134,587.
- **20. City of Flemingsburg** (Fleming County) expand and change drop-off to curbside recycling, \$37,110.
- 21. Mason County Fiscal Court & Mason County Recycling Center equipment replacement, \$17,627.
- 22. Logan County Fiscal Court expand and initiate recycling in Todd County, \$66,000.
- 23. City of Campbellsville (Taylor County) expansion to include cardboard, \$18,307.
- **24. Knott County Fiscal Court** establish new county recycling program to include paper and cardboard for schools, \$121,340.
- 25. City of Whitesburg (Letcher County) curbside recycling in city, \$19,060.
- **26.** City of Jenkins (Letcher County) curbside recycling in city, \$9,420.

#### 2008 - 2012 Solid Waste Management Plan UPDATE due October 1, 2007

The 2008 – 2012 Solid Waste Management Area Plan update is due Oct. 1, 2007. Before the plan is submitted to the cabinet, the governing body must publish a 30-day public comment period. The purpose of the public comment period is to allow for citizen review and a public hearing, if requested. The governing body must approve the update and submit the plan with a resolution before submission to the cabinet. Please call your local staff contact at 502-564-6716 with any questions about the update, public notice requirements or submission details. You can check out the public notice requirements contained in 401 KAR 49:011, Section 2, and the submission details in Section 3 at <a href="http://www.lrc.ky.gov/kar/401/049/011.htm">http://www.lrc.ky.gov/kar/401/049/011.htm</a>.

Follow this *general schedule* to ensure your plan is submitted to the cabinet on time. The thirty day public notice should begin *no later* than Aug. 15. The 30<sup>th</sup> day would end on Sept. 13; a public hearing could be scheduled for the same day after close of business, or the following business day. This time schedule would allow over two weeks for the governing body (fiscal court or 109 Board) to pass a resolution approving any changes or to submit the plan as written. Please forward one original and one copy of the plan and resolution to Chris Fitzpatrick, Division of Waste Management, 14 Reilly Road, Frankfort, KY 40601.

#### **Upcoming Implementation Visits**

It's that time of year again! Local Assistance Section contacts are calling counties to set up a date to conduct an implementation visit. Please review the activities under each component and provide documentation (newspaper articles, accounting data for litter and cleanup of illegal open dumps, etc.) to show the county's progress for the previous calendar year. Staff will also visit transfer stations, recycling centers and illegal open dumpsites (either cleaned or scheduled to be cleaned). This will be your opportunity to ask questions, add activities to the plan, and learn of activities that may help you in the implementation of your plan. This is also the perfect opportunity to review the progress of the 2008 – 2012 plan update.

After the visit, the county will receive a letter outlining accomplishments and a schedule to complete any unfinished activities. Once all activities are complete, the county will receive a letter stating the county is in compliance with the solid waste management plan.

NOTE: The visits will take place beginning in June and conclude by Dec. 31, 2007. If you have vacation plans or meetings that you have already scheduled, please call your staff contact to plan your meeting.

#### **County Officials Leadership Institute**

For all those **new judges-executive and county officials: ...** are you a bit overwhelmed or maybe a little uncertain about your county's "solid waste management plan" and associated illegal dumping and recycling issues, garbage collection, disposal facilities, etc.? KACo is sponsoring five statewide *County Officials Leadership Institute* workshops on <u>Solid Waste Management – Cleaning Up Our Communities</u>.

Leslie King, Recycling and Local Assistance Branch Manager in the Division of Waste Management, will present a workshop covering more than "just" garbage collection. Other topics include grants available for the cleanup of illegal open dumps, recycling and household hazardous waste collection, and funds to ensure your county is litter-free. Most likely, many of the obstacles you are facing have been overcome by neighboring Kentucky counties and this is an excellent opportunity for you to learn from your peers.

The 6 p.m - 9 p.m. (local time) meeting dates and locations are as follows:

June 11 – Four Points Sheraton, Lexington

July 24 – KY Dam Village Convention Center, Gilbertsville

Aug. 8 - Cumberland Valley ADD, London

Aug. 22 - Cave City Convention, Cave City

Sept. 24 – Northern Kentucky ADD, Florence

Please contact Pamela Bollinger at KACo to register for the workshops. Pamela can be reached at <u>pbollinger@kaco.org</u> or at 1-800-264-5226.

#### Statewide Solid Waste Management Report - 2006 Summary

The 2006 Statewide Solid Waste Management Report Summary is nearing completion. The number of dumps cleaned and the dollars spent is quite impressive! The diversity of public education and participation efforts is also noteworthy. Take this opportunity now to look at other counties' efforts in educational activities. Remember this is only a summary; contact the individual county solid waste coordinator or judge/executive to learn more about programs that attract your attention. It is also interesting to compare your county with another of like size in a different part of the state. Documentation is the key to a comprehensive report for each county. For those of you who are new to the position of solid waste coordinator, take heart! – your staff contact will gladly assist you in determining the information to track for next year's report.

Copies of the summary will be mailed to county judges/executive and 109 Board chairs. The summary will also be available on the division website under 'Hotlinks' at www.waste.ky.gov.

#### Mark Your Calendar!

Please add the following information to your 2007 calendar:

Implementation Visits – July 1 – Dec. 31.

2008 - 2012 Area Solid Waste Management Plan Update - deadline is Oct. 1.

Illegal Open Dump Grant Application – deadline EXTENSION granted to Nov. 1.

Litter Abatement Grant Application – deadline Nov. 1.

Oct. – Planning workshop – plans are underway to hold a solid waste planning workshop in Oct. Call or email Chris at 502-564-6716, ext. 233 or at <a href="mailto:Chris.Fitzpatrick@ky.gov">Chris.Fitzpatrick@ky.gov</a> if there are topics of solid waste management you would like to see addressed.

#### **Litter Notes**

We've all heard the adage, "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure" and thanks to *Tommy and Caroline Jefferson*, Bracken County Solid Waste Coordinators, the <u>Kentucky Driver Manual</u> will soon contain reference to KRS 512:070, Criminal Littering. Following a site visit with Rob Laurenson and discussion on educating citizens about littering, the Jefferson's' decided to contact the state to encourage the inclusion of the state law in an effort to prevent future drivers from littering.

Commissioner John Adams, Kentucky State Police, in his response to Caroline and Tommy, stated the revision also may include the addition of a question in the written test referencing the statute. The expected revision/reprint date will be sometime after the first of the year, as supplies dictate. Criminal littering is a Class A misdemeanor; see <a href="http://www.lrc.ky.gov/KRS/512-00/CHAPTER.HTM">http://www.lrc.ky.gov/KRS/512-00/CHAPTER.HTM</a>

#### **Local Assistance Staff**

Local Assistance Staff cover the counties in the following Area Development Districts:

Lynn Brammer - lynn.brammer@ky.gov: FIVCO, Big Sandy and Kentucky River.

Deborah Conway – deborah.conway@ky.gov: Lake Cumberland and Lincoln Trail.

*Lisa Evans* – <u>lisa.evans@ky.gov</u>: Green River and Purchase. Lisa is also the contact for the Crumb Rubber Program.

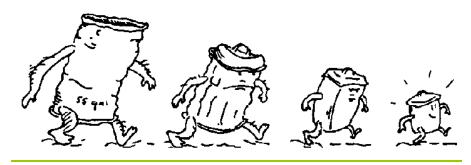
Billy Hill - william.hill@ky.gov: Bluegrass.

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Charlie Peters - charlie.peters@ky.gov: Cumberland Valley and Gateway.

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